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SUBJ: 32ND UNGA: U.S./FRENCH CONSULTATIONS ON RESTRUCTURING AND  
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1. FRENCH COUNSELLOR BAUCHARD MET AT HIS REQUEST WITH MISOFF  
ON NOVEMBER 30 TO DISCUSS RESTRUCTURING AND OVERVIEW MECHANISM.

2. BAUCHARD OPENED CONVERSATION BY APOLOGIZING FOR NOT  
CONSULTING WITH US PRIOR TO THE SURFACING OF THE "BELGIUM" TEXT  
DEALING WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL PROBLEM (SEE REFTEL). HE  
SAID THAT FRANCE HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH THE TEXT AS SUCH BUT DID  
NOT FEEL THAT IT WAS TACTICALLY THE OPPORTUNE TIME TO HAVE MADE  
IT PUBLIC. BAUCHARD EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE U.S. MIGHT NOW  
CIRCULATE OUR "NON-PAPER" ON THIS SUBJECT. MISOFF NOTED THAT  
BELGIUM PAPER HAD BROKEN THE ICE AND MIGHT OPEN UP THE ISSUE TO  
SERIOUS NEGOTIATION, THAT WE WOULD WANT TO HEAR THE  
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G-77 RESPONSE TO THAT PAPER BEFORE DECIDING ON THE NEXT STEP,  
AND THAT WE WOULD CONSULT WITH THE FRENCH AND OTHER DEVELOPED  
COUNTRIES BEFORE UNDERTAKING ANY INITIATIVE.

3. BAUCHARD THEN NOTED HIS IMPRESSION THAT THE U.S. SEEMED  
MORE FLEXIBLE THAN THE EC-9 ON THE REMAINING PROBLEMS IN THE DADZIE  
TEXT. MISOFF POINTED OUT THAT WE HAD PUT A BLANKET

RESERVATION ON SECTION I (GENERAL ASSEMBLY) WITHOUT EC-9 SUPPORT, THAT WE HAD JOINED THE EC-9 AND OTHERS IN RESISTING WEAKENING SECTION II (ECOSOC), THAT WE HAD INDICATED THAT EVEN THE EC-9 RELATIONSHIP FORMULA IN SECTION III (OTHER FORA) WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE, THAT WE HAD SUPPORTED THE EC-9 EFFORTS ON SECTION V (OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES), AND THAT WE HAD A BLANKET RESERVATION THROUGHOUT THE TEXT ON KEY WORDS SUCH AS "GUIDELINES", "NEGOTIATIONS", ETC., AGAIN WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE EC-9. BAUCHARD NOTED THE ABOVE AND ONLY COMMENTED THAT THE EC-9 PROBLEM WAS REACHING A COMMON POSITION GIVEN THE INTERNAL DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS.

4. BAUCHARD THEN TURNED TO THE OVERVIEW MECHANISM AND SAID THAT THE FRENCH SAW A POSSIBILITY OF A COMPROMISE EMERGING BUT THAT THEY COULD NOT SUPPORT U.S. EFFORTS TO SET UP A RESTRICTED GROUP UNDER EITHER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (G-77) FORMULA OR THE ECOSOC FORMULA. HE SAID THAT FRANCE WOULD NOT ACCEPT REPRESENTATION VIA THE EC-9 IN SUCH A GROUP BUT WOULD WANT TO PARTICIPATE ITSELF. THE SAME WAS TRUE OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EC-9. ACCORDINGLY, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO AGREE ON MEMBERSHIP IN A RESTRICTED GROUP EVEN AMONG DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. MISOFF TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO GET A READING ON THE STRENGTH OF THE EC-9 COMMITMENT TO THE ECOSOC SOLUTION. BAUCHARD ONLY REITERATED FRENCH PREFERENCE FOR ECOSOC AND BELIEF THAT A COMPROMISE WITH THE G-77 WAS POSSIBLE.

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